Miraculous, innumerable, and incomparable are the Vertues and Excellencies of Commendation: for no Instrument of Musicke, though never so cunningly tuned and excellently play'd on, may be able so to charme the Eares, hilerate the mindes and elevate the imaginations of men, as the melodious and transcendentlie harmonious Sound thereof Which penetrates the most &c.

A a b c d e f g h i k l m n o p p q r r s s t t u v w x y z &

A B C D E F G H I K L M N O
P Q R S T V W X Y Z

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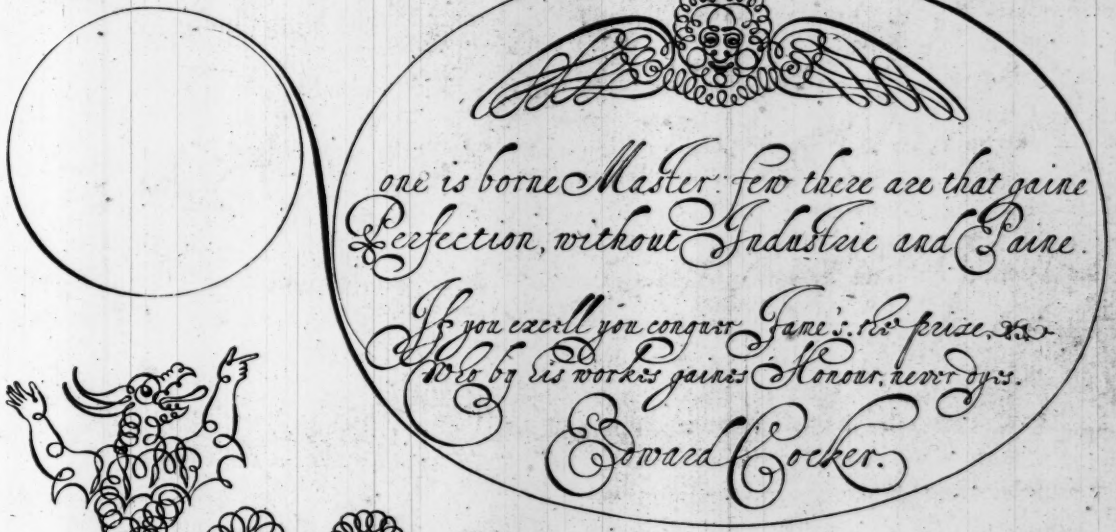
A a b b c d d e e f g h i k l m n o p q r r s ſ s t v u w x y z &



one is borne Master: few there are that gaine
Perfection, without Industrie and Paine.

If you excell you conquer Fame's rich peize.
We by his workes gaines Honour, never dyes.

Edward Cocker.

A Banquet of Celestiall Delicacies shall be an Eternall Feast to all Gods Holy Instruments of Kindnesse Love, and Mercy & such as extoll his Name Vthere-fore with Patience runne in ye Quest of Right-eousnesse and be a Saint Triumphant prize Vnder-standing and Wisdome, & beare thy Xpian Yoke Zeal-ously

Bee patient, for no Labour ere was found Hard, or time long, whose end Perfection crown'd.

Cocker.

Fame, and Renowne with Diadems, &
Empires are y Aimes of ambitious Men, but
to be Master of an excellent Pen, transcends
the Enjoyment of those, so admired, Trifles.
By prudent deportment, pertinent Expressions,
and commendable Actions, Riches and
Reputation are acquired: but
contrary Causes have contrary
Effects.

Sanctimonie, and Vniversall Reformation is ever the Intent of the Allmightie in all the Judgements, he brings vpon the World, and therefore the Italian Generall was well advised, when, seeing Alfonsus Duke of Ferrara dye suddainely, hee kneeled downe instantly, saying, And shall not this sight make me Religious:

Scriptum, et sculptum per Edoardum Coccerium.

Even the quintessence of all our over-priz'd worldly Enioyments, being extracted by the most skilfull Chymist, is but vanitie, and vexation of Spirit.

AA BB CC DD EE FF GG HH II KK LL MM
NN OO PP QQ RR SS TT VV WW XX YY ZZ

Soone Beauties blaze may bee extinguish'd quite,
But vertues hew still keepes, faire cleare & bright.

EDWARD COCKER

Ice that's never Excellent, but when the aërie Commendations, or vaine Opinions of men speake him so, is never excellent. Neither Flatteries fawne, nor Envie's frowne, can, or mount or depresse the immutable mind of a vertuous man.

Renowne, and Excellencie are Merchandise that many would deale in, which are found in a Climate beyond the Sea of Idlenesse, whither none saile but by the Star of vertue, and carrie Prudence, and Industrie, as Commodities along with them.

Edward Cocker

When Magnanimitie and wisdome goe hand in hand, the sweet streames of vnitie, and vnanimitie are maintained, and run in most pleasant and harmonious murmurs. E Cocker.

Let workes thy vertues blazon; still acquire experience, and not fame, but grace desire. g

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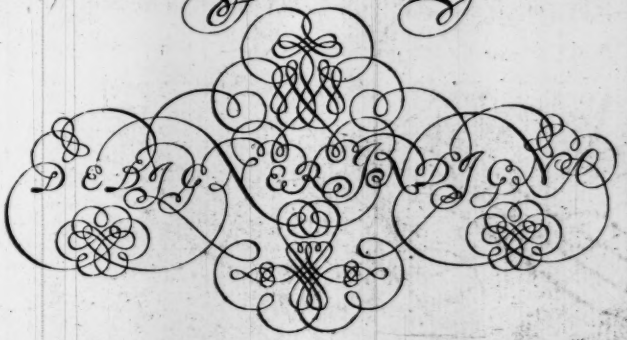
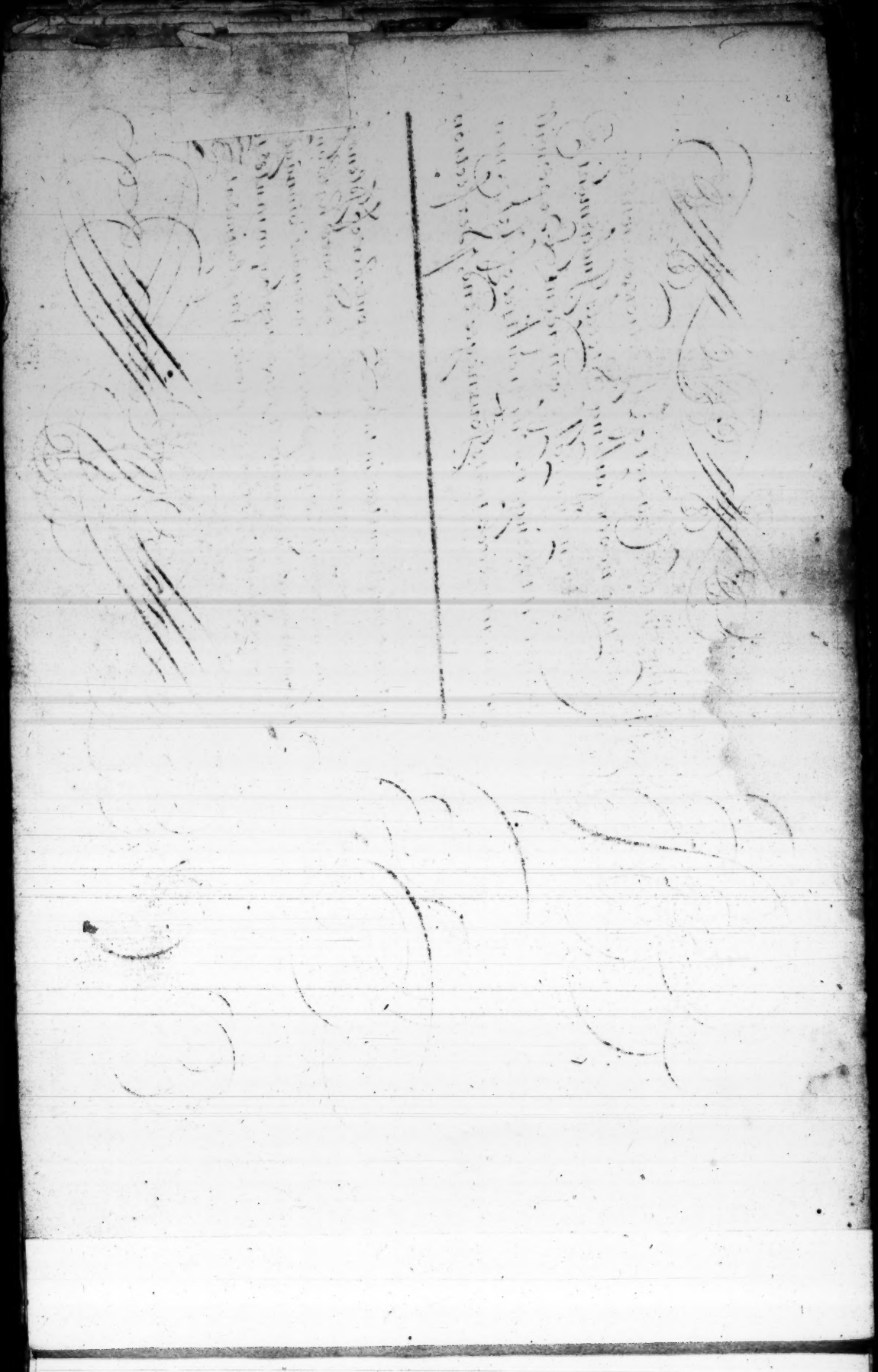


Vfancie in the Chariot of Affection, drawne by those two never-failing Steeds Judgement & Reason, driven by a halfe confident Hope, will scoure it through the difficulties of Art, & in a moment reach to its Journeyes end, Perfection.

Bury not thy ffaculties in the Sepulcher of Idlenesse but those Endowments, wherewth Providence hath any wayes inriched thee let Prudence alwayes manage, And evermore endeavour to secure every minute to a commendable, sober, or pious Imployment.

Edw Cocker



Oh! if such beaming Lustre's in Arts Face,
What Beauties, what Perfections, are in Grace?
If in Grace more, what may in Glorie bee?
O, infinitelie more! but what in Thee
Lord, who dost all Transcendencies transcend!
O who beginne t'admire Thee nere shall End!
Hic Modus est non habuisse Modum

Reputation Honour and Preferment are
gained, retained & maintained by Humility,
Discretion, and Sincerity: with wch till a man
be accommodated and accomplished he is not
esteemed as a worthy Member in a Comon wealth

The Excellency of a curious Hand
consisteth in the Geometricall Pro=
portion of each Letter, with true
Distances, & a cleare-cariage thereof.

A a b c d e f g h i k l m n o p q r s t v u w

x y z

Cocker.

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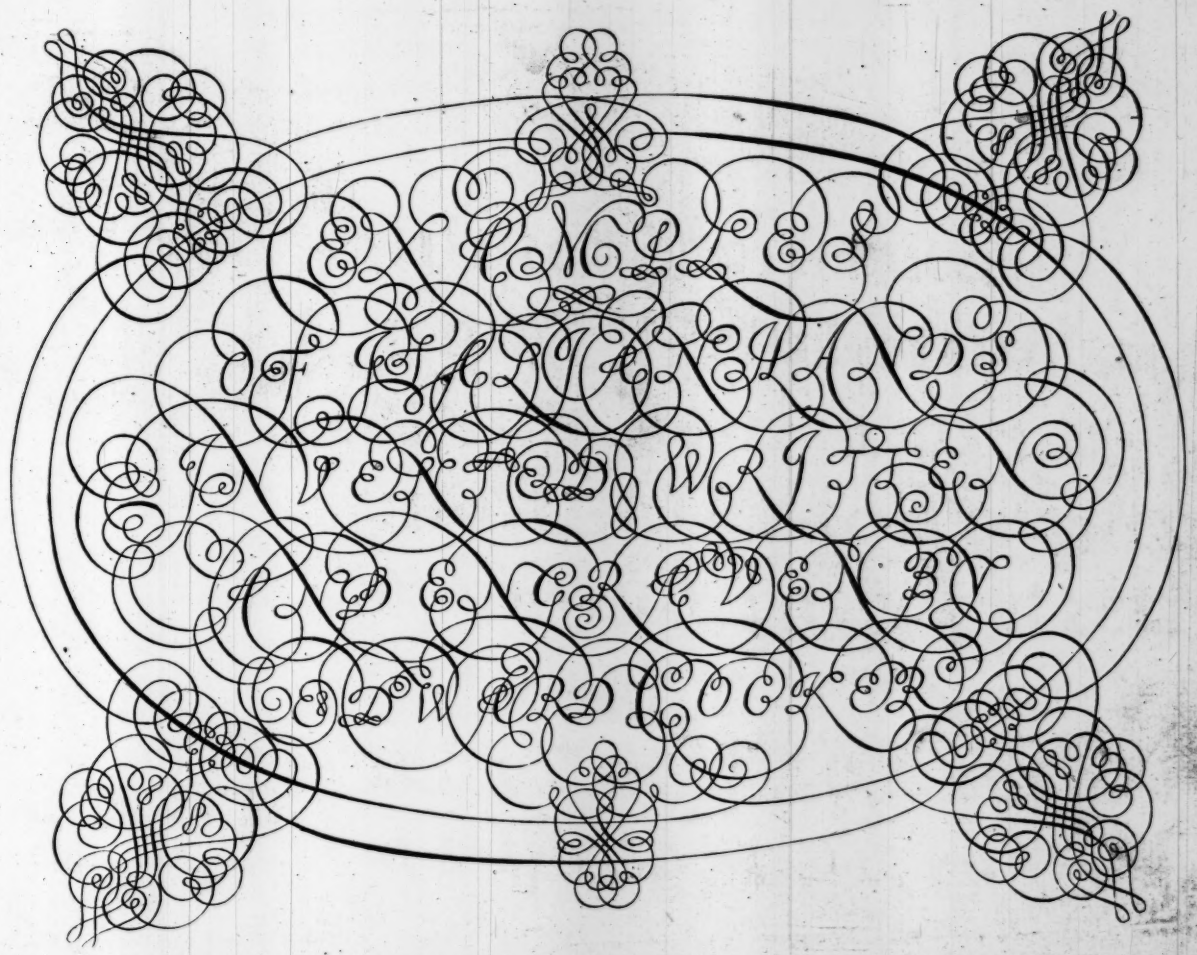

EXAMPLES
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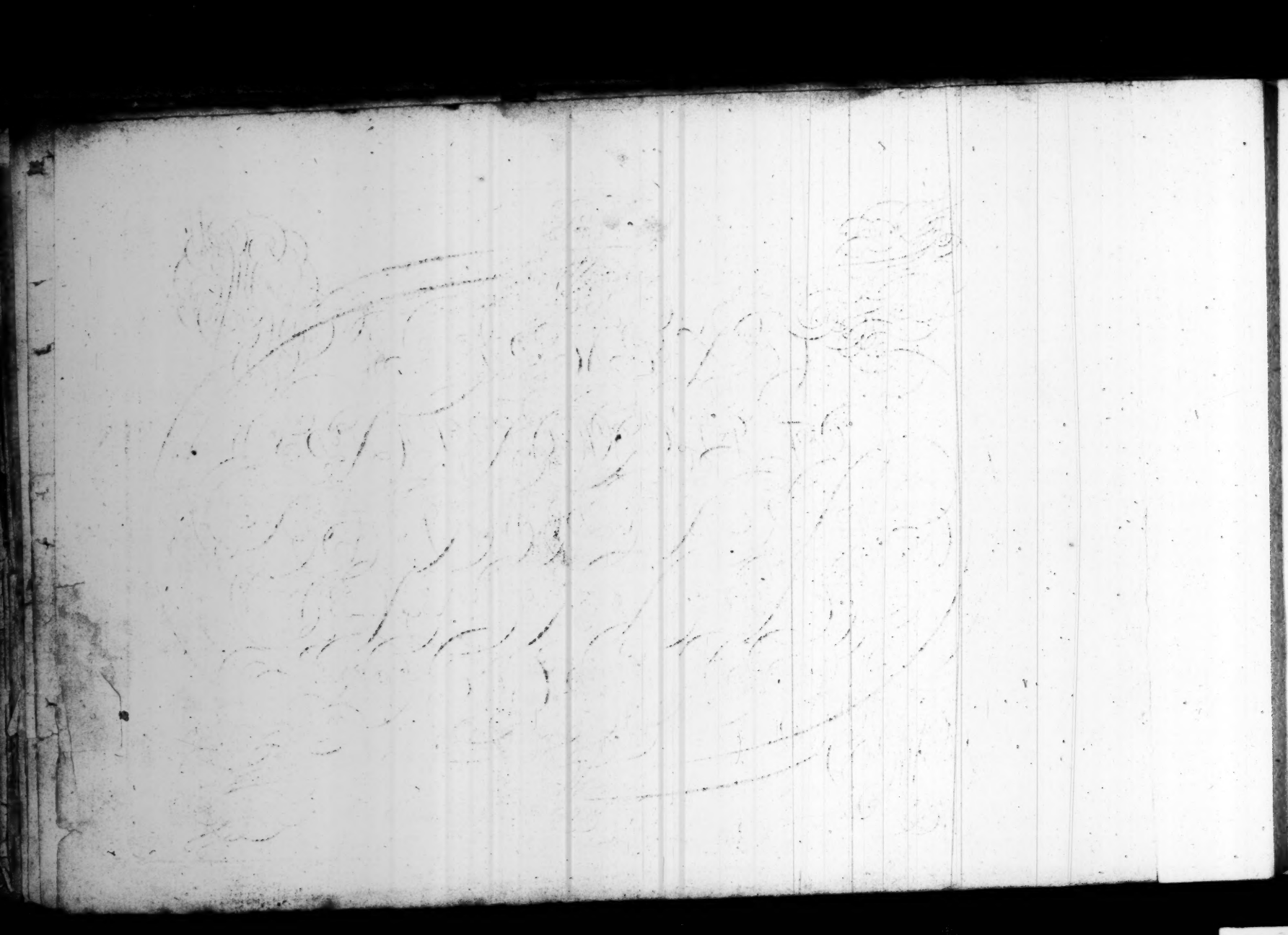
EDWARD COCKER



Divine Contemplation,
and Meditation are
the Soules wings y
mount her to a glimps
of immortall Felicity
A a b c d e e f f g g h i k l m n
o p q r s s t v u w y y z z
Cocker.

ITALIAN CAPITALS

A A A B B C D D E

F F G G H H I K L

L M N O O P P Q R R

S S T T V W W X Y Z

E D M A R D C O C H E R

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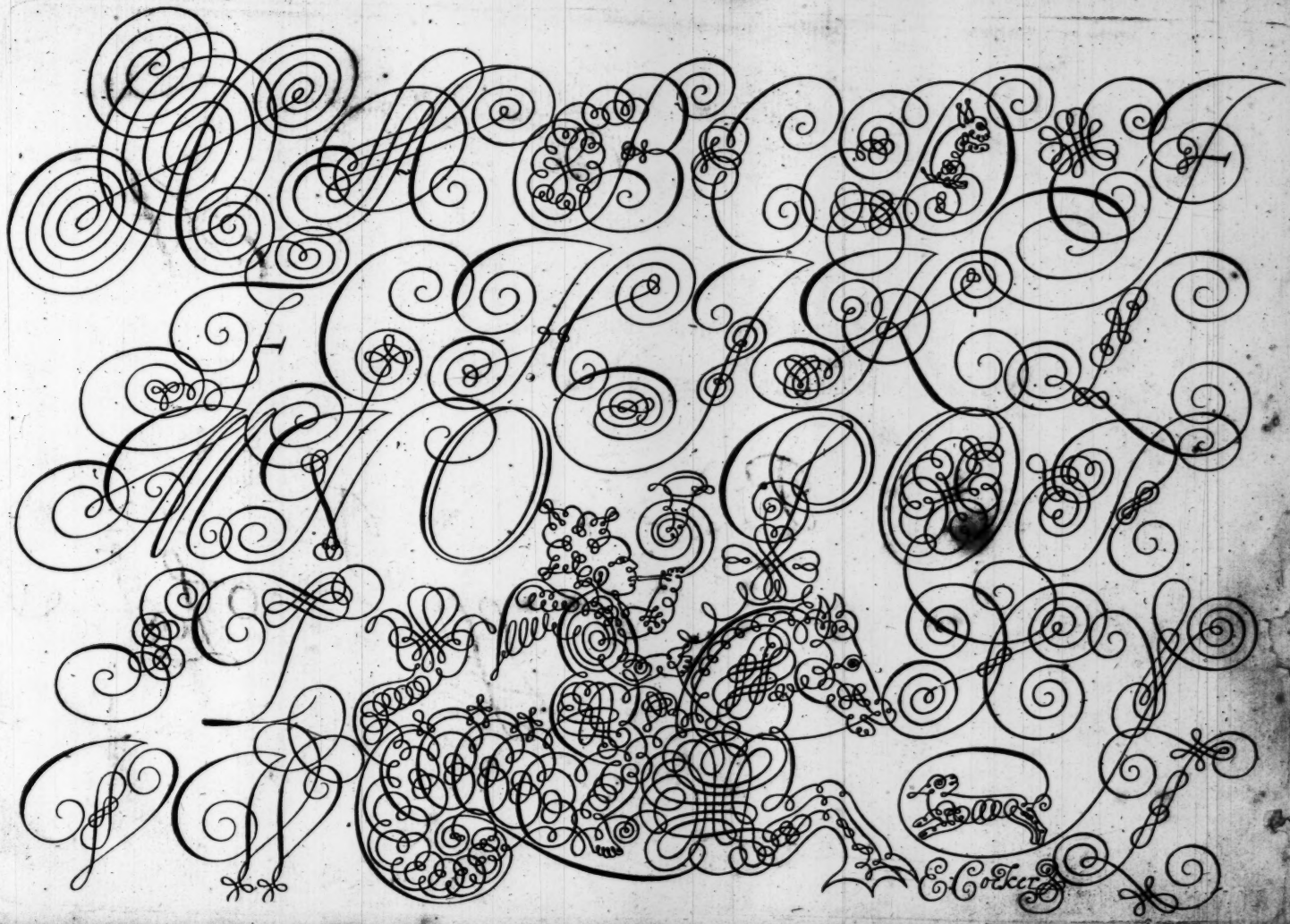
Perfection, who that rich, ey-dazling Gem, exquire
Must by Examples, kindle their ingenious fire.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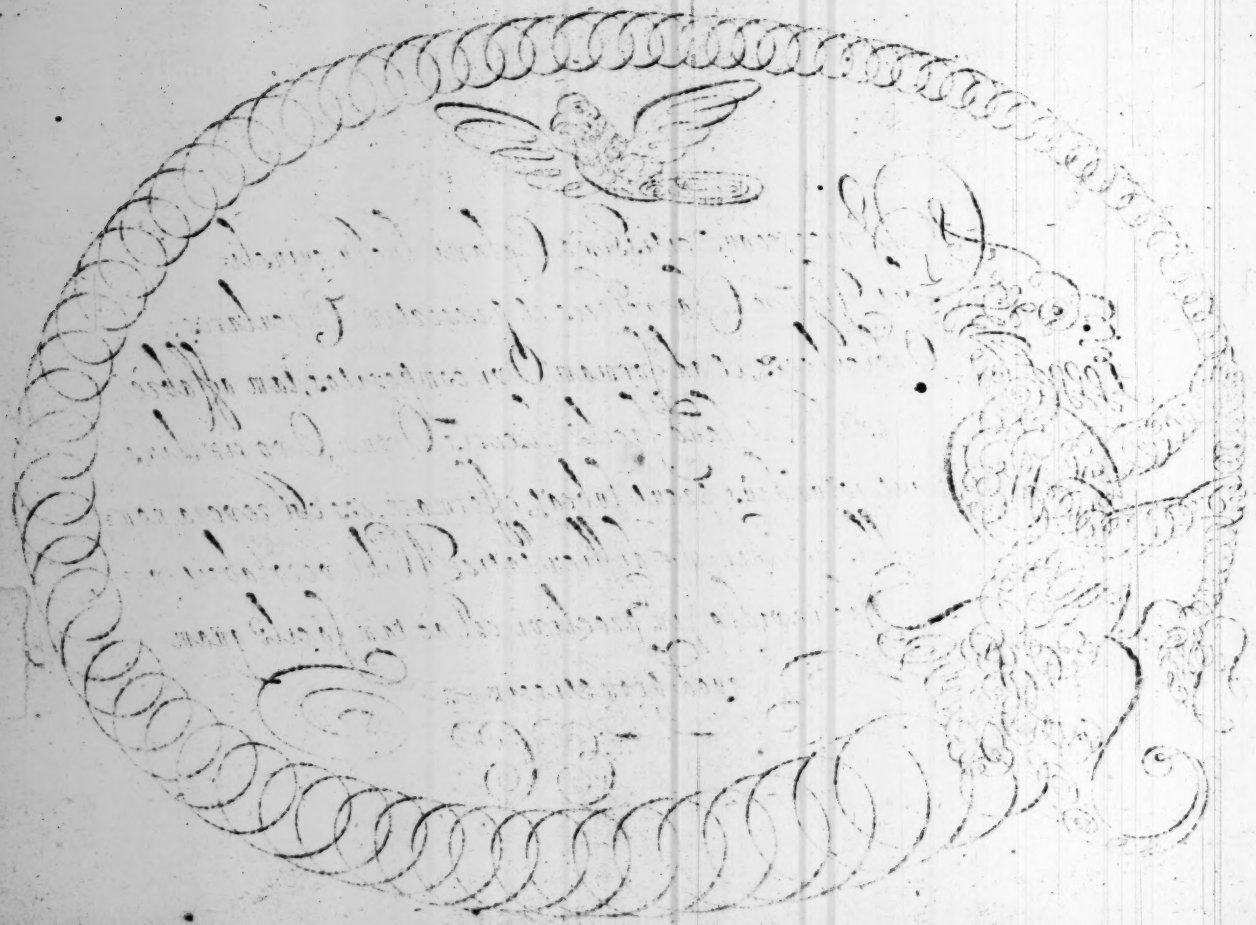
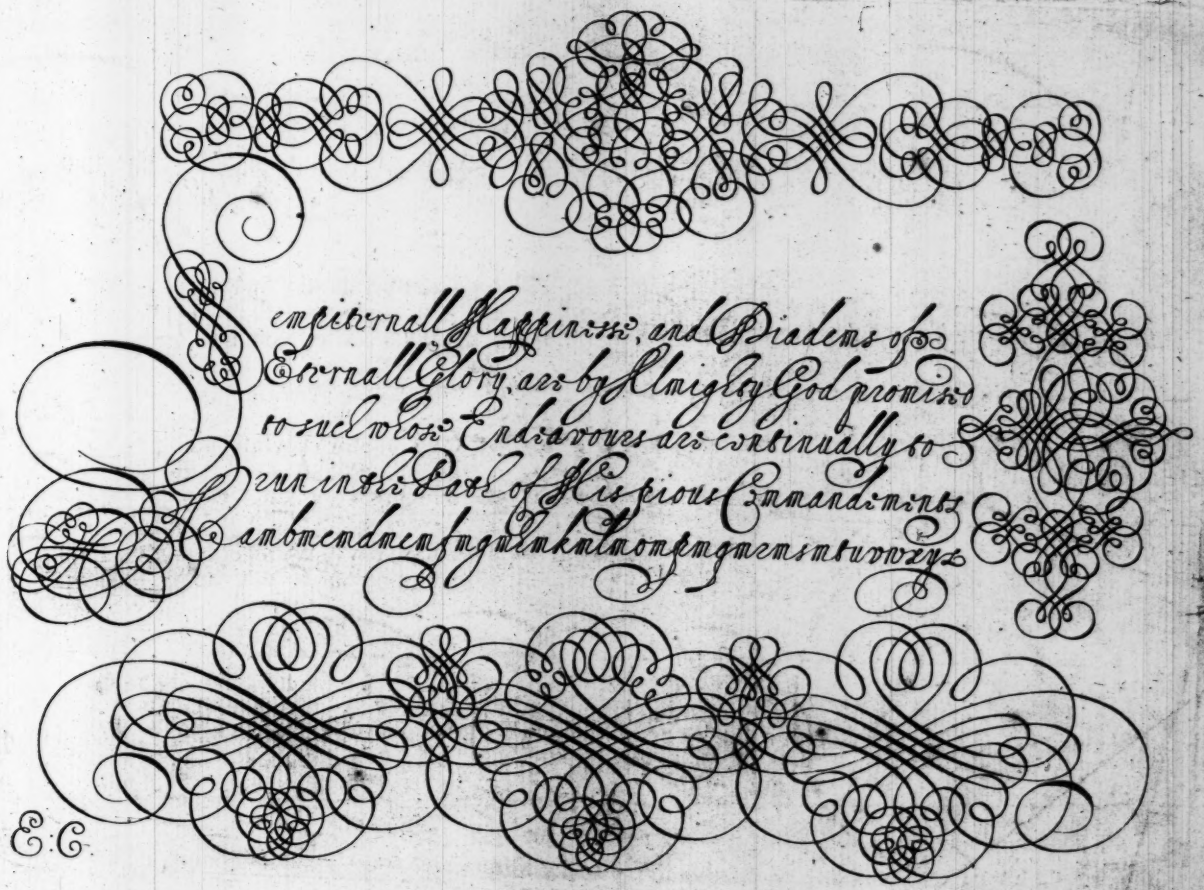
Venico, cóque citissimo Calami ductu, cujuslibet Figura Characteres et præsertim, Circulares, Orbiculares, et ad formam Ovi compositos, tam affabrè et exactè, ut haud facilè dixeris Ovum, Ovo similius, aut rotundius, prout lubeat, efformare, eis est revera nonnullis non minimæ difficultatis Mihi vero (absit verbo invidia) in proclivi est ac tam facilè quàm quod promptissimum





Not that I thinke our Land or Age wants Apes,
Serpents or Monsters of most horrid shapes
I here haue portray'd such fantasticks, no,
There's a conceit in't yet not so, but so
Some may be drawne, as I was, by delight
In Apish fancies and so learne to write.
FINIS

Edward Cocker

Sanctimonie if soundlie ingraven in the Heart (not only wrote superficiallie on) is an ever streaming fountaine of most ravishing Consolations, such as doe by a kind of spirituall Alchymie, turne even the calamities of the World into felicity.

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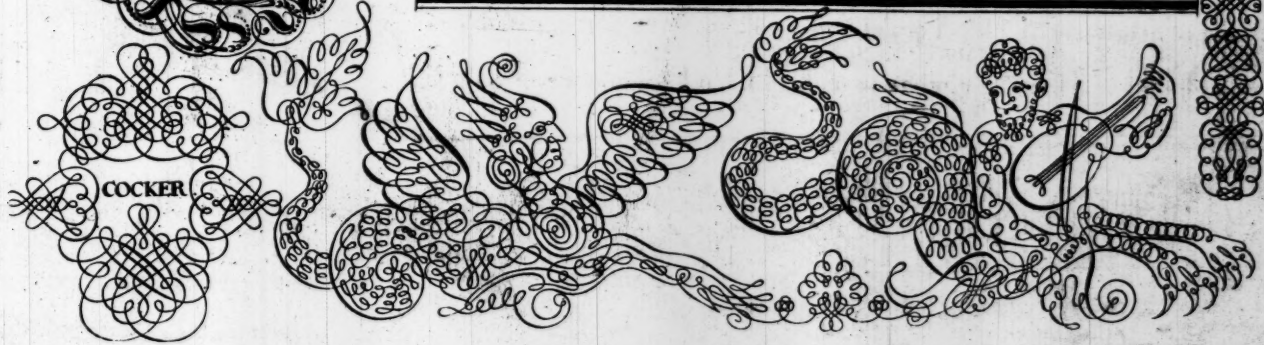
COCKER



All Praise Honor, & Glory
belong to God, from whom all ye Endowments, and
Injoyments come, men must not therefore presume
vpon his Prerogative by being Trumpeters of their
owne Commendacon, but rather court Humilitie.

A a a b c d d e e e f f f g g h h h i i k k l l l m m m n n n
O o o p p q r r s s s t t t v u w x y z z sh x sk s sh n.

Firme and substantiall writing is
of more countenaunce than faire,
for Engrossements of memorable
Records, being of most duration
our Enterprize will quickly fade
Except th'Almighty blesse, & aide.
Cocker

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Some learned Friends of mine (whose Sacred Layes
Have crown'd their Browes with never-fading Bayes)
Made me the Subiect of some glorious Praise:
Which, vndeserv'd, should have been places here:
Sin (O that it were) its perfect sphere
But its refulgence would have beene too rebel
To my dull Meteors, whose small glim-ring might
Evn by one Ray, have beene eclipsed quite.
Therefore my Anagram I only write.